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The agricultural industry and the Northern Great Plains Region will be a featured topic of the third annual "Montana's Economic Outlook" seminar, which will be in Great Falls Feb. 2. The meeting, which will be at 10 a.m. in the Heritage Inn, is cosponsored by the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research and the Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

Robbin Johnson of Minneapolis will be the featured speaker. He is Assistant Vice President of Cargill, Inc. and is a noted expert on legislative and public policy issues dealing with the agricultural industry. He will present the 12:30 p.m. luncheon program, which will be an assessment of the public policy choices that lie ahead for agriculture, and the various effects these choices might have on the regional economy.

Johnson is a graduate of Yale University and studied at Oxford University, England, as a Rhodes Scholar. He joined Cargill in 1971 and was promoted to Assistant Vice President, Administrative Division, in 1976. He is a member of numerous regional and national agricultural trade organizations, including the National Grain and Feed Association, the U.S. Feed Grains Council and the Corn Refiners Association.

Featured on the seminar's morning program will be Bureau Director Maxine Johnson's analysis of the economic outlook for Montana in 1978 and Bureau Research Associate Paul Polzin's review of the outlook for Great Falls. The luncheon program will be followed at 2 p.m. by Polzin's discussion of Montana's changing population and its relation to businessmen. Johnson will conclude the program with some suggestions on "How to be Your Own Economist," including information sources useful to businessmen.

All program presentations will be moderated by Dr. Paul B. Blomgren, Dean of the U. of M. School of Business Administration.

Cost of the Seminar is \$27.50, which includes the registration fee, luncheon and a year's subscription to the Montana Business Quarterly, which is published by the Bureau. Persons interested in attending should contact the Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce or the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of Montana, Missoula, 59812. Registration will also take place immediately prior to the seminar, beginning at 9:45 a.m., at the Heritage Inn.

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